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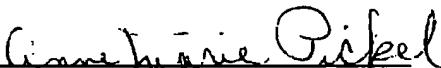
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**APPLICANTS:** RODRIGUES, Klein A. *et al.***SERIAL NO.:** 10/606 420 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 1713**FILED:** 26 June 2003 **EXAMINER:** MULCAHY, Peter D.**ENTITLED:** USE OF (HYDROXYALKYL)UREA AND/OR  
(HYDROXYALKYL)AMIDE FOR MAINTAINING HYDRATION OF  
AQUEOUS POLYMER COMPOSITIONSCERTIFICATE of TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated 24 March 2005. In reply to that outstanding Action, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks –